

MAN ABOUT TOWN

By HARRY TUCKER

Just cast your eye upon Mr. J. J. Liberman, ahead of "The Show Girl" with headquarters in Detroit.

We can't see why he hurries about in that Michigan town for it strikes us there is a place for him in the office of some comic journal.

Liberman's name might imply that he is a good story teller, but you don't pronounce it that way. If it were Liberman, it might go.

Any way he tells some fine ones, and because he laughs inwardly, and makes little noise you don't charge him with laughing at his own jokes.

He told us the other day he had fallen heir to an old well in Texas, but he couldn't make much out of it, because it was tin and held only five gallons.

And then he laughed inwardly, and we felt like calling him a humbug, for we thought he was going to do something rash.

He's a good man to tell a story, but he is a hard one to tell one to, for you don't know whether he is laughing or not.

Liberman said a fellow once gave him \$2,000 to get a divorce, so he could marry a wealthy widow and just take \$5,000 for the loan. There were no grounds for a divorce, and the man got mad after he had used up the money. Then he introduced him to the wealthy widow, and he got his \$5,000.

Liberman will be here for a week, and we will have enough stories from him to tell all our drummer friends for two months.

When the snow melts on the sidewalk, and icicles break your head, and toothache comes to queer your talk.

Of sweet you are afraid, just put your coat around you, perhaps Jack Frost has found you, and don't go up on Broad Street on parade.

We have just received a message by grapevine telephone about a shooting trip engaged in by Messrs. Bob Rowers, Jesse Traylor, and Tomlinson, Joe C. West and Dr. Joe Smith.

The message is somewhat belated, but it tells of a trip to the hunting grounds of the Pamunkey Gun and Rod Club, in King William county.

It further tells how Mr. Jesse Traylor proved a dead shot, and Mr. Witt Tomlinson showed great prowess with a pistol.

We are going to hunt up the record of this trip and print it some time or other, for it's worth a story by itself.

OF HUMAN INTEREST; STORIES OF THE DAY

Fourth Estate Qualifications.

Four o'clock is the hour when Secretary Root ordinarily sees newspaper correspondents who desire to ask him about the day's work in the War Department, says the Washington correspondence of the New York Tribune. Nearly every day a dozen newspaper men, who have a chat with him, are present.

Recently a newspaper man, who had come in for the 4 o'clock conference concerning some important investigations which the department was making into the contracts, inspectors had investigated a contract which was questioned and had submitted a report to the Secretary, which the correspondents were anxious to get hold of. Rumors had been circulated that the report whitewashed the contractor, still in the hands of the Secretary before final action was taken on the report.

"Secretary," said a correspondent for a well known New York paper, "we have come to the conclusion that it would be a strange piece of business for a man who has been exonerated to ask for a hearing. In other words, we don't think the report from the inspectors whitewashed Mr. Root."

"Why, you should have been a lawyer," was the Secretary's quick reply.

"I did try to be," was the answer.

"I was admitted to practice before all courts in South Carolina, tried two cases, lost them both, and went into the newspaper business."

"I hope you don't think the newspaper business the place for lost cases," was the Secretary's retort.

MUCH PNEUMONIA STARTLES GOTHAM

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The great increase in the number of pneumonia cases has led the Board of Health to publish a few hints on how to avoid pneumonia, which may be of interest and service in other cities as well as New York. This is a partial list:

Don't stop treating a "slight cold" until it is completely cured.

Don't go into the cold air in an overheated condition.

Don't go out of an overheated room to the street without wrapping up.

Don't stay in an overheated room any longer than you can help it. A moderate temperature is more healthful.

Don't sit in an overheated car too long.

Don't drink too much.

Don't go without a proper amount of sleep; rest is necessary to keep the body in proper state of resistance.

Don't hesitate to see the doctor. A stitch in time may save an undertaker's bill.

TWEED MEMORIES ARE NOW REVIVED

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—It appears that the remodeled Hall of Records in Brooklyn will compare very favorably in point of cost with Tweed's County Courthouse in Manhattan, in which it has been estimated that every brick cost the city \$100. The Board of Estimates is inclined to be indulgent with the backers of the scheme to remodel the building and to that end it repassed a resolution authorizing \$120,000 to pay for electric lighting, heating, etc. After several hundred thousands of dollars had been expended on the building, the understanding was that there would be no further expense. Then came the estimate for lighting. An effort will be made to ascertain the responsibility for this bill.

DOG SAVES MASTER BY VANQUISHING BULL

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SOMERSET, N. H., Jan. 14.—"Prince," a shepherd dog, yesterday saved the life of Richard Fleming while in peril beneath the hoofs of an infuriated bull at the farm of the Shero Road. Mr. Fleming has a very fine Jersey bull, and yesterday afternoon when he went to the stable yard the animal set upon him and knocked him down. On account of the horns having been cut short, the bull could not gore him, but inflicted painful injuries called "Prince," a faithful dog that has followed his master for years, and when his danger was greatest, the dog drove the mad bull away, saving Mr. Fleming time to reach the barn.

FAIRMOUNT NEWS.

Mrs. Carrie Consey, of North Carolina, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. B. H. Thompson, on the Avenue.

Miss Ada Holmes, of Dowell, is visiting Mrs. W. C. Thomas.

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